

AN ACT

relating to the establishment by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs of colonia self-help centers in certain counties and to the representation of those counties on the Colonia Resident Advisory Committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2306.582(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall establish colonia self-help centers in El Paso, Hidalgo, Nueces, Starr, and Webb Counties [~~counties~~], and in Cameron County to serve Cameron and Willacy Counties [~~counties~~]. If the department determines it necessary and appropriate, the department may establish a self-help center in any other county if the county is designated as an economically distressed area under Chapter 17, Water Code, for purposes of eligibility to receive funds from the Texas Water Development Board.

SECTION 2. Section 2306.584(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall appoint not fewer than six [~~five~~] persons who are residents of colonias to serve on the Colonia Resident Advisory Committee. The members of the advisory committee shall be selected from lists of candidates submitted to the board by local nonprofit organizations and the commissioners court of a

1 county in which a self-help center is located.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2893 was passed by the House on April 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 94, Nays 51, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2893 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor